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NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION
BAI DUC THON AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. REMARKS:

SINCE THE BOMBING OF TRANSPORTATION NETS IN NORTH VIETNAM BEGAN IN FEBRUARY 1965 ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS OPEN. NUMEROUS VULNERABLE ROAD SECTIONS HAVE BEEN BY-PASSED AND INTERDICTION POINTS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED.

3. MISSION READOUTS:

ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION EXTENDING NORTH FROM ROUTE 15, JUST SOUTH OF BAI DUC THON AT 1802N 10551E. THE NEW ROAD EXTENDS GENERALLY NORTHWARD PARALL- ELING THE EAST BANK OF THE RAO BOI AND RAO MAT MAT (STREAMS,) THEN CROSSES THE RAO BOI (STREAM) AND IS OBSERVED TO 1814N 10552E. APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION AND TWO MILES OF THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE NEW ROAD ARE IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. THE CENTRAL PORTION APPEARS TO BE IN THE BRUSH CLEARING STAGE. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IS OBSERVED ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION.

ALTHOUGH THE NORTHERN PORTION IS NOT CONNECTED WITH ROUTE 1A IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NEW ROAD WILL CONNECT ROUTE 15 WITH ROUTE 1A IN THE VICIN- ITY OF HA TINH.

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